

Miss Catherine McCracken, of Hackettstown, N. J., who today celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday.

Miss McCracken has been unable to walk since she was 11 years old, as the result of an injury to her spine, but on her birthday she said she wanted to live as much longer as possible.

T. R. LAUDS JANE ADDAMS.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Aug. 31.—Col. Roosevelt, in a speech here, vigorously defended woman suffrage and replied to the criticism of Miss Jane Addams of Chicago, recently printed by the New York Times.

The Times' article was attributed to Charles W. Eliot, but was later repudiated by him. It charged Miss Addams with being spectacular. Roosevelt quoted from the article as follows:

"Women have no proper share in a political convention. We need women to bear children and attend to their homes."

"Of course it is right to say that we need women to bear children," said Roosevelt, "just as it would be right to say that we need men to beget children and make the homes in which the women can live and the children be brought up."

"I believe that the highest life, the ideal life is the married life. But there are both unmarried men and unmarried women who perform service of the utmost consequence to the whole people."

"It is both foolish and wicked

for a man to slur the unmarried woman when we would not think of slurring the unmarried man. When the Times says it dislikes to see Miss Addams held up as an example for other women to follow it speaks offensively.

"Bishop Brent of the Philippines is unmarried. So was the late Philip Brooks. Yet I have heard them held up as examples for good."

"And in just the same way I am heartily glad to say that I have heard Jane Addams held up as an example for good, and have so held her up myself."

"The cases of the three, the two men and the woman, stand on the same plane; all three, by their lives, have added to, or are adding to, our heritage of good in this country."

"The women who bear children and attend to their homes have just as much right to speak in politics as their husbands have who are the fathers of their children and who work to keep up their homes."

The Objection.

"You've decided not to buy?" demanded the agent incredulously. "But, my dear sir, I respectfully submit that you've taken a long time to find that out. Why, you've had the free use of this car for a week. May I ask what's the trouble?"

"Certainly," said Cheekley. "It's serious trouble. The red leather in the tonneau doesn't match my wife's hair by three shades."